**FALL PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** falls across the lifespan pose a substantive human and economic cost to Canadians;

**WHEREAS**, falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths and hospitalizations and cost the healthcare system $9.1 billion (direct costs), resulting in 1.5M emergency department visits, 133,017 hospitalizations, 38,848 disabilities and 5,249 deaths;

**WHEREAS**, Fall Prevention Month is an annual call to action campaign that encourages Canadian organizations and individuals to come together to deploy fall prevention efforts each November for a co-ordinated and larger impact. Everyone has a role to play in creating change to prevent falls and fall-related injuries;

**THEREFORE**, I/We, ­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim **November as Fall Prevention Month**.